- (II) ENJOIN THE PARTIES FROM CONTINUING WITH THE PROCEEDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; OR
- $\left( \text{III} \right)$  PROCEED WITH THE MODIFICATION UNDER CONDITIONS IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

9.5-207.

- (A) (1) A COURT OF THIS STATE THAT HAS JURISDICTION UNDER THIS TITLE TO MAKE A CHILD CUSTODY DETERMINATION MAY DECLINE TO EXERCISE ITS JURISDICTION AT ANY TIME IF IT DETERMINES THAT IT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT A COURT OF ANOTHER STATE IS A MORE APPROPRIATE FORUM.
- (2) THE ISSUE OF INCONVENIENT FORUM MAY BE RAISED UPON MOTION OF A PARTY, THE COURT'S OWN MOTION, OR REQUEST OF ANOTHER COURT.
- (B) (1) BEFORE DETERMINING WHETHER IT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM, A COURT OF THIS STATE SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR A COURT OF ANOTHER STATE TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION.
- (2) FOR THE PURPOSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COURT SHALL ALLOW THE PARTIES TO SUBMIT INFORMATION AND SHALL CONSIDER ALL RELEVANT FACTORS, INCLUDING:
- (I) WHETHER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED AND IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE AND WHICH STATE COULD BEST PROTECT THE PARTIES AND THE CHILD:
- (II) THE LENGTH OF TIME THE CHILD HAS RESIDED OUTSIDE THIS STATE;
- (III) THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE COURT IN THIS STATE AND THE COURT IN THE STATE THAT WOULD ASSUME JURISDICTION;
  - (IV) THE RELATIVE FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PARTIES:
- (V) ANY AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES AS TO WHICH STATE SHOULD ASSUME JURISDICTION;
- (VI) THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO RESOLVE THE PENDING LITIGATION, INCLUDING TESTIMONY OF THE CHILD;
- (VII) THE ABILITY OF THE COURT OF EACH STATE TO DECIDE THE ISSUE EXPEDITIOUSLY AND THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO PRESENT THE EVIDENCE; AND

(VIII) THE FAMILIARITY OF THE COURT OF EACH STATE WITH THE FACTS AND ISSUES IN THE PENDING LITIGATION.

(C) IF A COURT OF THIS STATE DETERMINES THAT IT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM AND THAT A COURT OF ANOTHER STATE IS A MORE APPROPRIATE FORUM, IT SHALL STAY THE PROCEEDINGS UPON CONDITION THAT A CHILD CUSTODY